

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-30 are pending in the present application. Claim 30 is amended by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification was objected to; Claim 30 was objected to; and Claims 22-30 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 2-8, 40, and 41 of U.S. Patent No. 6,843,969.

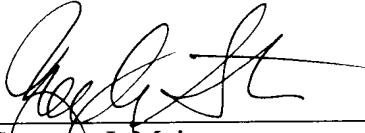
Regarding the objections to the specification and Claim 30, the specification and Claim 30 are amended as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests these objections be withdrawn.

Regarding the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicant files concurrently with the present response a Terminal Disclaimer as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted Claims 22-30 are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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